

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 of the specification, please amend the paragraph as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

A1 This application is ~~based on~~ claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to Patent Application Nos. 2000-105485 filed April 6, 2000, 2000-105486 filed April 6, 2000, and 2001-53033 filed February 27, 2001 in Japan, the ~~content~~ contents of which are incorporated hereinto by reference.